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WEBB COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECT GAINS MEXICAN SUPPORT; *Mexican government sends diplomatic note to State Department after Webb County secures a private bridge sponsor in Mexico*

WEBB COUNTY – The government of Mexico has sent official correspondence to the U.S. Department of State expressing interest in Webb County’s proposed “Puente de la Unidad,” Webb County officials announced today.

This marks the first time that Mexico has taken an official position on the proposed new border crossing in Webb County and formally initiates joint cooperation on the project by the U.S. and Mexican governments.

“We are pleased that the Mexican government has provided official notification to our federal government that it is interested in our proposed ‘Puente de la Unidad,’” said Webb County Judge Louis H. Bruni. “We view this as a very positive sign as we work to make our ‘Puente de la Unidad’ a reality.”

The correspondence, known as a diplomatic note, formally expresses the Mexican government’s interest in the application formulated by Webb County, Texas for the construction of a new international crossing named “Puente de la Unidad” located in south Webb County on the Rio Bravo (Rio Grande). The note lists the specific milepost, latitude and longitude of Webb County’s proposed location and notes its connectivity to the Carretera del Gasoducto in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

The note goes on to say that the Mexican government is interested in seeing that the necessary studies be carried out by both sides and that the project be part of the working agenda of the Binational Commission on Bridges and Border Crossings.

The note then explains that the Mexican government has made this determination due to the emergence of a sponsor in Mexico that is interested in the development of this project.

The note, which is dated February 3, was sent to the Mexican Embassy in Washington, D.C. and is expected to be delivered to the U.S. Department of State in the coming days. The note is the first of three diplomatic notes that must be secured before ground may be broken on the new bridge project and marks official acknowledgement by the Mexican federal government of its interest in the construction of a new international bridge in Webb County at the location selected by Webb County.

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